



Tuesday Tips is an outreach effort by OGCA. The idea behind *Tuesday Tips* is to convey tips, tricks and other helpful information around the area of research administration. Our goal is to post on (almost every) Tuesdays. If there is something you would like to see cover [cs4.7\(ve\)-2.7\(y\)her cs4.7\(\(2i3E7\)e\)-2.6\(r\)1 UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu). For more Tips visit [OGCA website](#).

Senior/Key Personnel

Individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of a project in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not they receive salaries or compensation under the grant. Typically, these individuals have doctoral or other professional degrees, although others such as consultants and postdoctoral researchers may be considered senior/key personnel if their involvement in the project is significant.

Title / Definition	Who can be added to a project in this role?	Is measurable effort required for federal research for this role?	Do you need to provide a letter of support? If so, from whom?
Principal Investigator - PI	Senior personnel at the University or other organization	Yes, measurable effort, which can be paid or cost shared.	Yes, an institutional letter of support or Subaward in Proposal Package (SubProp) is required if a PI at an external institution is added to a project.

designate multiple individuals as principal investigators who share the authority and responsibility for leading and directing the project, intellectually and logistically. When multiple PIs are named, each is responsible and accountable to the applicant organization, or as appropriate, to a collaborating organization for the proper conduct of the project or program, including the submission of all required reports. The presence of more than one PI on an application or award diminishes neither the responsibility nor the accountability of any individual PI.			
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Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)

Alternative title for a non-lead PI on a multi-PI project. This title is used by some sponsors to indicate the senior person has equal authority to the lead PI as defined above (e.g.,

Collaborator (*Informal Title*)

Collaborators always play an active role in the research, and the position is sometimes defined interchangeably with co-investigator or unpaid consultant. As a loose guideline, think of a collaborator as a scientist whose distinct expertise complements the PI, providing unique expertise to the project. Collaborators are typically listed as key personnel.

Personnel from any institution- internal or external

If the collaborator provides advice or expertise as needed, no effort is required. If the collaborator is responsible for a portion of the scope